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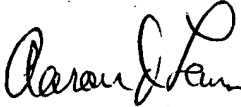
Claim Objections

1. The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Misnumbered claims 28,29,32-44 been renumbered as claims 16-30. Additionally, page 1 of amendment (09/30/1999) instructs the PTO to amend claim 34, a claim which is not previously of record. Consequently, given the variation in the numbering of the claims and the instructions for amending claim 34 in the amendment of (09/30/1999), it is not clear exactly what claims applicant intends to be examined. It is requested that applicant make clear exactly what claims applicant intends to be examined in response to this communication.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aaron J. Lewis whose telephone number is (703) 308-0716.

Aaron J. Lewis; April 11, 2003


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